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Bros. Caleb Gore, G. T. Hunter.

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Next Meeting,

To be held with Driver's Flat Church, six miles North of Banner, Calhoun County Miss., beginning Friday, before the Fourth Sabbath in September, 1880.

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FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, September 25, 1879.

The CALHOUN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened with the Church of Christ at Macedonia, Calhoun county, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1879.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by the appointee, Elder W. G. Moorehead.—Text, 1st chapter, 8th verse, Songs of Solomon: "If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherd's tents."

After a short intermission the delegates and messengers assembled in the house. The former Moderator and Clerk being present, took their seats.

After singing a hymn and prayer by the Moderator, the annual letters from the churches were presented and read by brethren Z. J. Ryan and M. M. Tankersly.

Names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

Concord—P. Langford, J. B. Ellard.

Dividing Ridge—J. W. Trusty.

Driver's Flat—James Martin, G. W. Riley, T. W. Smith.

Elam—G. C. Goodwin, A. T. Harrison.

Friendship—D. Griffin.

Hopewell—W. M. Wilson, A. C. Young.

Landon Hill—F. Mize, L. H. Neal.

Mt. Comfort—L. W. Preddy, M. L. Langston, J. W. Stillman.

Mt. Moriah—B. Davis, L. Prescott.

Mt. Tabor—A. Q. Parker; R. Cruthirds.

Macedonia—J. M. Harrelson, J. A. Kea, J. A. Killingsworth.

New Liberty—J. T. Dye.

Oak Grove—J. A. Craze, M. J. Maxey, M. V. Reagan.

Poplar Springs—G. W. Murff, J. W. Burgess, J. T. Hightower.

Pittsboro—C. G. Blount, J. S. Ryan, L. W. Harrelson.

Pine Flat—M. Parker, G. W. Henderson.

Pilgrim's Rest (Yalobusha county)—C. Burrell, J. R. Shepherd, A. W. Langham.

Pilgrim's Rest (Calhoun county)—Letter.

Pleasant Ridge—John Sanders, J. L. Ferguson.

Rocky Mount—E. A. Crocker, Levi Murphree.

Shiloh—S. H. Gullege, Wm. Long, George Parker.

Spring Creek—J. M. Edwards, W. S. Langford.

Sarepta—H. M. Berry.

Turksy Creek—P. R. Thornton.

The Association proceeded to the election of officers with the following results:

ELDER C. G. BLOUNT.....Moderator.

BRO. L. W. HARRELSON.....Clerk.

Sarepta Church, Calhoun county, was received into the fellowship of this Association.

On motion, the Order of Business of last meeting was adopted for this meeting.

Correspondence was called for, when Elder W. K. Bryant was received from the Oxford Association, brother J. W. Howard from the Zion, Elder R. W. Thompson from the Aberdeen, Elders H. L. Finley, J. T. Pitts, brethren W. L. Sou-

ter, J. E. Blount from the Chickasaw Association; and Elder H. L. Finley was also received as corresponding messenger from the State Convention; all of whom were cordially received and invited to seats with us.

Correspondence was returned as follows:-

Mississippi Baptist State Convention—Elders C. G. Blount, L. Prescott, G. C. Goodwin, J. A. Killingsworth, R. F. Stokes, Lee Linder.

Chickasaw Association—Elders R. F. Stokes, L. Prescott, brethren W. S. Langford, M. V. Reagan.

Aberdeen Association—Elders J. W. Burgess, J. L. Furguson, brethren J. W. Stillman, G. W. Murff.

Zion Association—Elders R. F. Stokes, C. G. Blount, J. W. Burgess, J. W. Trust, brethren J. S. Ryan, Z. J. Ryan, L. W. Harrelson.

Oxford Association—Elders L. Prescott, F. Mize, James Martin, W. G. Moorehead.

Yalobusha Association—Elders G. C. Goodwin, J. W. Trusty, brethren, P. R. Thornton, A. T. Harrison.

On motion, the Rules were suspended and the following brethren were appointed as a Devotional Committee, viz:

P. R. Thornton, S. H. Gullege, J. B. Ellard, with the Deacons of Macedonia Church, who reported as follows: Elder R. F. Stokes, Thursday night; Elder R. W. Thompson, Friday, at 11 o'clock; Elder H. L. Finley, at night; Elder J. T. Pitts, Saturday at 11 o'clock; Elder G. C. Goodwin, at night; Elder J. F. Pitts, Sunday at 11 o'clock.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock Friday morning. Prayer by Elder F. Mize.

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SECOND DAY.

Friday Morning, September 26, 1879.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder James Martin.

The following committees were appointed:

On Home Missions—J. S. Ryan, S. H. Gullege, J. M. Harrelson.

On Foreign Missions—R. F. Stokes, A. T. Harrison, W. S. Langford.

On Sabbath-schools—P. R. Thornton, D. Griffin, A. C. Young.

On Finance—Wm. Long, J. B. Ellard, H. M. Berry.

On Mississippi College—J. S. Ryan, M. V. Reagan, J. T. Hightower.

On Temperance—J. A. Killingsworth, J. T. Dyer, R. H. Cruthirds.

On Nominations—J. W. Stillman, J. W. Murff, James Martin.

On Publications—E. A. Crocker, J. M. Edwards, P. R. Thornton.

The Committee on Home Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report that the short time at their command precludes the opportunity of a lengthy report. Not having at hand any statistics, we can only take a cursory view of the field before us, with its destitution and wants.

Your committee fear that in those parts of the State occupied by the ministry, the membership are too much at ease in Zion, and are ignorant of, and disregard the application of our brother "Joseph in Egypt."

We are fearful that while we have thegospel, thousands in our own State seldom, if ever, hear the sound of salvation. Brother Walne, Secretary of our State Board, although indefatigable in his travels and labor of love, can only visit a small part of the State. Brother H. L. Finley, in the Northern part of the State, is doing a noble work; brother Hamberlin, on the Sea Coast, combating the hosts of infidelity and pseudo Christianity, have achieved much for the glory of God, and the dissemination of the truth. These all demand our earnest prayers and heart-felt sympathy, and our efficient aid and assistance.

As we regard our own duty; as we pity the condition of

immortal souls, perishing for the "bread of life"; as we desire to promote the glory of God, let us lend a helping hand to extend the privileges and invitations of the gospel to the destitute in our own State. Therefore,

Resolved, That a more earnest effort in behalf of Home Missions is the imperative duty devolving upon us, the discharge of which is necessary to our prosperity and growth in grace.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. RYAN, Chairman.

Adjourned for preaching.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The committee on Foreign Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report the following:

The progress of Christianity, like the successions of seasons, has always been marked by sudden changes from waste and barrenness, to renewal and growth. The Lord turns again the captivity of His people, and it is said among the heathen, the Lord has done great things for them.

To-day the military roads of Rome are trodden by the messengers of the "Prince of Peace," and has become subject to the spread of the gospel of salvation. And China, with its fourteen thousand converts, most of whom have been gathered in the last few years. And Africa, with its one hundred and eighty thousand Christians on the Southern and Eastern Coasts, besides thousands in the Northern and Western Coasts. Then think of Japan, which stands in the van of Christian civilization, and inquires for the true religion of Christ. Therefore, brethren, we have great room to thank God and take courage, and to contribute liberally of our means to the support of the missionaries in Foreign countries, for we *know* that those people cannot believe in Him of whom they have not heard.

Therefore, as Missionary Baptists, we ought to be up and doing. It is said if the cause of religion continues to advance as it is now, in thirty years from to-day, China, as well as other nations, will be in a great degree a Christian land. One has said the converts have multiplied during the last thirty-five years, at least two thousand fold, the increase being greater year by year. Therefore, let us pray the Lord of

the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest, for the harvest truly is great, but the laborers few.

We, your committee, would recommend that a collection be taken up for our dearly beloved brother, E. Z. Simmons, who is just about leaving for his life's work in China.

Resolved, That pastors and members of churches be requested to present the question of Missions to their respective churches and congregations and take up collections and report the same to this Association at its next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. STOKES, Chairman.

After the adoption of the above report, a general collection was taken up for missions amounting to $7 30.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock, Saturday morning. Prayer by Elder E. A. Crocker.

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THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 26, 1879.

The Association met at the appointed hour. Prayer by Elder W. K. Bryant.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education, would say that this subject is one of no small interest, and we think that the brethren of this Association ought to wake up to a sense of their duty in this great work. There has been existing in the minds of many brethren a spirit of opposition to the subject of Ministerial Education, which we feel to some extent is giving way. While we feel there is a growing interest in this respect, we ought to gather more earnest zeal and press forward in this great work. While we rejoice to know that we have many brethren who are able defenders of the truth as it is in Jesus.

There are yet other young ministers who have bright intellects and blooming minds, and we feel that it is our duty to aid and encourage them in the cultivation of the same. We earnestly ask the brethren to give this subject more attention than it has received in the past.

WHEREAS, Our ministers are almost entirely destitute of books and periodicals; and,

WHEREAS, They are not able to supply themselves and support their families; therefore,

Resolved, That we will take up a collection in our churches to supply these brothers with books and supplies, and that we will loan and give them books.

Respectfully submitted,
F. MIZE, Chairman.

The Committee on Sabbath-schools submitted the following, which was adopted:

We, your committee, believe that Sabbath-schools are highly necessary and essential to the well-being of our children. And we recommend that every church in this Association organize a Sabbath-school and sustain it, and we believe it is the duty of the churches to make every effort in their power to have a Sabbath-school in each church; for we believe that impressions made in the Sabbath-school on the minds of our children are never erased. We, therefore, urge our brethren to be diligent in this great work, and we urge you to have Baptist literature in order that the pure word may be taught.

Respectfully submitted,
P. R. THORNTON, Chairman.

Adjourned for preaching.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

For minutes	$31 10
" Domestic Missions, raised by the efforts of Elder H. L. Finley	42 20
Total	$73 30

Respectfully submitted,
WM. LONG, Chairman.

The Committee on Mississippi College submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Mississippi College, beg leave to report: That during the first year, the progress of this institution has been such as to inspire its friends with bright hopes of its future success in usefulness and power. Yet they insist that the encouragement

extended it, has not been equal to the claims which it has upon the denomination.

Being situated in a healthy locality; surrrounded by circumstances that secure a healthy moral influence; controlled by a Faculty unsurpassed in those traits that constitute the successful educator; conducted with a view to economy, yet securing efficiency,—your committee regard it as having strong claims to the patronage of all, but especially of Baptists. Therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend the claims of Mississippi College to the kind consideration of parents and guardians, and to young men seeking instruction or advanced education, and especially to young men who feel called to the work of the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. RYAN, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report: That in our estimation, there is no evil in our land that is so destructive to the morality, peace and happiness of our fellow-beings, as the use of ardent spirits. It fills our jails with prisoners, our penitentiary with convicts, and brings us under the necessity of paying heavy taxes to sustain the jurisdiction of our criminal courts. It corrupts the morals and depraves the hearts of its votaries. It fills the dwellings of many families with poverty, and the hearts of widows and orphans with anguish indescribable. It corrupts the political franchises and endangers the liberties of our nation. It fills graveyards with its victims, and the regions of eternal despair with their immortal souls.

Temperance Societies have done much good, but the grace of God shed abroad in the heart is the only effectual remedy for this great evil. We, your committee, disapprove of the law permitting the sale of ardent spirits as an auxiliary to the school fund.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. KILLINGSWORTH, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Elder James Martin, to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder Joseph Griffin, Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. STILLMAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your Executive Board, employed Elder James Martin as itinerant, who agreed to take the pledges and collect the same, but we have no report from said missionary. We have on hand in cash, $4 10.

Respectfully submitted,
C. G. BLOUNT, Chairman.

On motion, the same Board was continued.

Resolved, That the committee on Ministerial Education be changed to a Committee on Education.

Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the following amendment to our Rules be submitted to the churches for adoption or rejection at our next meeting:

Resolved, That the committees on Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Mississippi College and such of those subjects as may be deemed proper, be appointed at one meeting of the Association to report at the next.

Resolved, That the Clerk prepare the minutes for the press and have as many copies printed as the funds on hand will pay for, and that he send one copy to each church not represented.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the church and community for the generous hospitality in the entertainment of the delegates of this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the Moderator and Clerk for the efficient manner in which they have performed their duties.

After singing a hymn and giving the parting hand, and prayer by Elder James Martin, the Association adjourned to meet with the brethren at Driver's Flat, six miles north of Banner, Calhoun county, on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1880.

C. G. BLOUNT, MODERATOR.

L. W. HARRELSON, Clerk.

ABSTRACT REPORT FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The Southern District holds its next Annual Meeting with New Liberty Church, beginning Friday before the third Sabbath in August, 1880. Elder E. A. Crocker to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder J. A. Killingsworth, Alternate.

ESSAYS TO BE WRITTEN.

1. How are we to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ when each man shall bear his own burden.—Elder E. A. Crocker.

2. What are the duties of the churches to their ministers who preach the gospel to them?—Elder J. A. Killingsworth.

3. On Dancing.—A. Atkinson.

4. Did Judas partake of the supper?—Elder C. G. Blount.

5. On Ministerial Education.—Elder J. W. Burgess.

6. On the efficacy of prayer.—Brother J. C. Martin.

7. On the duty of all Christians to support Missions.—Brother J. S. Ryan.

QUERIES.

1. Is entire sanctification attainable in this life?

2. What are the duties of a minister to the church of which he is pastor?

3. Is there any authority in the Holy Scriptures for licensing men to preach the gospel?

Delegates to the Northern District of the Calhoun Association—Elders E. A. Crocker, J. W. Burgess, J. W. Trusty, C. G. Blount, brethren J. S. Ryan, L. W. Harrelson, B. F. Powell, R. F. Barton, J. D. Vallandingham, M. V. Reagan.

C. G. BLOUNT, MODERATOR.

L. W. HARRELSON, Clerk.

The Northern District will meet with the Baptist Church of Christ at Mt. Moriah, Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1880.

Introductory Sermon, by Elder F. Mize; Elder R. F. Stokes, Alternate.

QUERIES.

1. How is Christ the lineage and offspring of David?
2. When did the Kingdom of Heaven commence under the reign of Christ?
3. When did the Kingdom of God established by Moses among the seed of Abraham, cease?
4. Will any person be saved among the heathen where the gospel of Christ has never been preached or the Bible never been read?
5. Was the baptism of John a Christian baptism?

ESSAYS.

1. The place of the soul from death until the Resurrection.—Elder C. G. Blount.
2. What is the Church of Christ?—Elder L. Prescott.

ELD. LEE LINDER, MODERATOR.

W. S. LANFORD, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	Post Offices.
C. G. Blount	Pittsboro.
J. W. Burgess	Poplar Springs.
E. A. Crocker	Rocky Mount.
Joseph Griffin	Hopewell.
G. C. Goodwin	Elam.
H. L. Johnson	Spring Creek.
J. A. Killingsworth	Macedonia.
Lee Linder	Concord.
P. Langford	"
J. L. Ferguson	Pleasant Ridge.
L. W. Preddy	Mt. Crawford.
Thos. Bratton	Mt. Moriah.
W. G. Morehead	Turkey Creek.
F. Mize	London Hill.
C. E. Murphee	Oak Grove.
James Martin	Driver's Flat.
L. Prescott	Mt. Moriah.
M. Parker	Pine Flat.
John Sanders	Pleasant Ridge.
J. W. Trusty	Dividing Ridge.
John Wilkins	Pleasant Ridge.

LICENTIATES.

H. M. Berry	Sarepta.
J. M. Edwards	Spring Creek.
Burgess French	Elam.
Sam Wilkins	Mt. Comfort.
N. J. Weaver	" "
R. J. Wilson	Mt. Moriah.
M. Wilson	Hopewell.
J. L. Jenkins	Sarepta.
Jasper Winter	Pleasant Ridge.
H. J. Hawkins	Friendship.

Statistical Table for the year 1879.

CHURCHES.	Counties.	Post Offices.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Day of meeting.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	For Minutes.
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Concord	Calhoun	Banner	Lee Linder	W. F. Ellard	1	1	1	...	3	...	1	80	$1 40
Dividing Ridge	Yalobusha	New Hope	J. P. Smith	C. C. Hill	4	.....	...	...	.....	...	2	43	1 50
Driver's Flat	Calhoun	Paris	R. F. Stokes	T. M. Patten	1	11	2	...	5	3	...	65	1 40
Elam	Yalobusha	Coffeeville	G. C. Goodwin	H. P. Pate	3	3	4	...	2	3	...	48	1 50
Friendship	Calhoun	Cherry Hill	R. W. Thompson	W. H. Hawkins	3	17	6	10	.....	...	...	60	1 00
Hopewell	Pontotoc	Sarepta	Joseph Griffin	J. H. Young	3	1	2	...	.....	...	1	52	.....
London Hill	Lafayette	Paris	James Martin	J. Mize	2	1	3	...	5	2	1	46	1 50
Mt. Comfort	Calhoun	Pittsboro	Jonh Sanders	G. T. Hunter	2	17	8	1	13	...	...	59	2 00
Mt. Tabor	Calhoun	Cotton Valley	L. W. Preddy	R. H. Cruthirds	1	8	8	...	2	...	2	36	1 25
Mt. Moriah	Calhoun	Sarepta	Jonh Sanders	J. Watson	3	6	...	1	2	1	...	46	1 00
Macedonia	Calhoun	Pittsboro	L. W. Preddy	J. A. Ken	3	.....	...	...	2	3	3	106	1 45
New Liberty	Calhoun	Pittsboro	J. W. Burgess	M. E. Vaulandingham	4	2	1	2	.....	7	2	56	75
Oak Grove	Calhoun	Pittsboro	.....	J. A. Craze	2	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	28	75
Poplar Springs	Calhoun	Cherry Hill	E. A. Crocker	G. W. Murff	3	4	...	2	3	1	3	60	1 85
Pittsboro	Calhoun	Pittsboro	J. A. Killingsworth	L. W. Harrelson	4	.....	...	1	8	...	1	27	1 50
Pine Flat	Lafayette	Water Valley	M. Parker	Azor Henderson	...	.....	2	...	4	...	...	27	1 00
Pilgrim's Rest	Yalobusha	Airmount	G. C. Goodwin	A. J. Morgan	4	6	2	2	4	1	...	80	2 00
Pilgrim's Rest	Calhoun	Sarepta	Joseph Griffin	G. D. Collums	4	.....	...	...	.....	...	1	25	25
Pleasant Ridge	Calhoun	Sarepta	John Sanders	A. B. Henderson	1	8	1	4	19	...	1	67	1 10
Rocky Mount	Calhoun	Pittsboro	M. Parker	W. J. Crocker	4	10	...	...	10	...	...	74	1 25
Shiloh	Calhoun	Cole's Creek	C. G. Blount	J. C. Martin	1	3	4	1	3	2	3	70	2 00
Spring Creek	Calhoun	Banner	R. F. Stokes	W. S. Lanford	4	.....	3	...	17	...	...	71	2 25
Sarepta	Calhoun	Sarepta	R. F. Stokes	J. B. Phillips	3	9	16	...	7	1	...	43	1 00
Turkey Creek	Calhoun	Pine Valley	R. F. Stokes	J. M. Thornton	2	6	3	1	4	...	...	73	1 30
Total						110	66	25	113	24	21	1342	$31 10